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SUBJECT: ITU: DISCUSSION OF ADMIN COUNCIL ISSUES WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL MILI

REF: PHILLIPS-FRIEDLAND CONVERSATION OF MARCH 13

1. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO UPCOMING ADMIN
COUNCIL WERE DISCUSSED BY TELATT WITH SYG ON MARCH 17,
JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO ADDIS ABABA FOR MEETING
OF PANAFTEL.

2. REGIONAL EXPERTS:

A. AFRICA - MILI STATED UNDP HAS APPROVED FUNDING
FOR FOUR REGIONAL EXPERTS FOR AFRICA AS OF JANUARY 1978
RPT 1978. RECRUITING IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED AND HE
HOPES TO HAVE ONE OR TWO IN PLACE OR AT LEAST HIRED
BY START OF ADMIN COUNCIL SESSION;

B. LATIN AMERICA - UNDP HAS APPROVED EMPLOYMENT OF
ONE REGIONAL EXPERT; INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN HIRED AND IS
ALREADY IN PLACE;

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C. ASIA - UNDP HAS AGREED TO FUND THREE REGIONAL
EXPERTS FOR 1978-79 AND ONE EXPERT FOR SOUTH PACIFIC
FOR 1979; RECRUITING IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED.

D. MIDDLE EAST - NO DEVELOPMENTS AS YET;

E. BECAUSE OF FOREGOING, MILI DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS AT ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING TO FUND REGIONAL EXPERTS FROM REGULAR BUDGET.

3. SLATES - MILI SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY WELCOME U.S. RETAINING CHAIRMANSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE 3 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION). HE NOTED HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH VICE CHAIRMAN JIPGUEP (CAMEROON) RE LATTER'S DESIRE TO ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP; THIS HAD BEEN DONE BY DEPUTY SYG BUTLER.

4. TECHNICAL COOPERATION REPORT: MILI HAS DECIDED NOT TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS COUNCIL SESSION BUT RATHER TO EXPAND SOMEWHAT THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION SECTION OF HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. HE FEELS THAT INSTRUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL AT 1977 WERE TOO VAGUE AND HE FEARS HE MIGHT GET INTO MATTERS "BEYOND THE INTEREST OF THE COUNCIL" ON THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT. ACCORDINGLY, IF COUNCIL DESIRES MORE DETAILED INFO ON SPECIAL ASPECTS OF THIS SUBJECT, HE WOULD SOLICIT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO WHICH HE COULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSES.

5. SEMINARS. ITU PLANS TO HOLD THREE SEMINARS FOR WARC BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY 1979 - ONE EACH FOR AFRICA AND ARAB STATES, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA. RE LATIN AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR, ITU ROUTINELY CONTACTED INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) AND CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA - CANADIAN AID); IT HAD NOT CONTACTED USAID SINCE IT HAD DONE SO IN PAST ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS (WITH COPY OF LETTERS TO EB/TD) AND HAS NEVER RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE. IN THIS CASE, IDB TURNED ITU DOWN; CIDA ADVISED ITU IT COULD NOT ITSELF HELP TO FUND SEMINAR BUT WOULD REFER REQUEST TO COMMUNICATIONS DEPT. MILI STATED FURTHER THAT ON DAY BEFORE MEETING WITH TELATT, MARCH 16, IT WAS DECIDED TO SEND REQUEST TO USAID WITH COPY TO MRS. PHILLIPS IN EB/TD. LETTER HAS PRESUMABLY ALREADY BEEN SENT. IF DEPT HAS NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 27, PLEASE ADVISE.

6. INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF COUNCIL: SYG MILI HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND WHEN ORIGINAL MARCH DATES WERE PROPOSED. HOWEVER, WHEN HE LEARNED THAT MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 5-7, HE HAD TO CANCEL OUT AS THESE DATES COINCIDE EXACTLY WITH DATES OF SPRING MEETING IN LONDON OF ACC AT WHICH HEADS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MEET WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS UN SYSTEM-WIDE MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS POST. MILI ADVISED THAT FULL EXPLANATION OF HIS PROPOSAL WILL APPEAR AS COUNCIL DOCUMENT IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

8. 1979 BUDGET. MILI PROVIDED TELATT WITH COPY; FINAL DOCUMENT (NO. 5170) NOW BEING SENT TO CAPITALS. SEPTTEL ON THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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